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**GUN CRIME
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Memphis, TN - Terrell L. Harris, United States Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee announced that a jury found Fred H. Gamble, Jr. guilty as charged of being a convicted felon in possession of a handgun in Federal Court on Wednesday.

Fred H. Gamble, Jr. (age 35) was convicted of possessing a .22 caliber Regent Revolver on June 23, 2001 when he was arrested at 1835 N. Trezevant by MPD officers responding to an armed party call. Though Gamble was initially charged in state court with the unlawful possession of a weapon, evading arrest, and resisting official detention, this case was prosecuted in federal court as a part of Shelby County's "Gun Crime IS Jail Time Initiative" a cooperative effort between the U.S. Attorney's Office, Shelby County District Attorney General's Office and local law enforcement to ensure that felons receive significant jail time for illegally possessing firearms. Based on Gamble's prior criminal history, state court charges were dismissed in lieu of federal prosecution.

As detailed in the indictment, Gamble had multiple prior felony convictions when he was arrested in June, 2001, including: Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Sell; Robbery with a Deadly Weapon; and, twelve (12) convictions for Aggravated Assault and Assault with Intent to Commit Robbery.

Gamble faces a sentence of up to life imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. He was remanded to Federal Custody and will be sentenced on November 6, 2002.

This investigation was handled jointly by the Memphis Police Department and the Violent Crimes Task Force of the Department of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms. Assistant U.S. Attorney Camille R. McMullen successfully prosecuted this case.

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